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This Society was organized in 1860, and is the pioneer of Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies in this country.

It is undenominational, and so it presents a united Christian front to the heathen world.

It is carried on entirely by women, with unsalaried officers.

Its aim is the salvation and elevation of heathen women.

"Win for Christ," its motto.

A FINE tribute is paid to missionaries in China by Hon. John Barrett, formerly United States Minister to Siam. "Reference to missionary interests prompts me to advert to the exceptionally complimentary terms used towards them by responsible Chinese officials whom I have met. They volunteered the statement that the American missionaries are doing a good work and are law-abiding foreign residents. In view of the rampant criticism of missionaries in the treaty ports, it is only fair to cite the statement of several high Chinese that foreign merchants and the advancement of the material spirit they represent had done China far more harm than all the missionary exploitation."

WE hear from Miss Dietrich of 850 deaths from plague in Cawnpore in one week. Out of a school of eighty high-caste Hindu girls only five are left, and the one for high-caste Bengalis has only three remaining. In some cases whole families in our zenanas have been swept away in a single night!

RECENTLY a conference of the *Christian Women Workers' Union of Western India* discussed most pertinent questions relating to girls in mission schools. In a paper by Mrs. F. P. Horne, this statement is made: "It is from the homes made by the young girls who have been providentially placed in the care of missionaries that the future generations will come who will do much to decide whether India will accept or reject the Saviour. The Indian Christian woman, even more than the missionary, lives amongst the non-Christians, and she may by her life demonstrate the power of the Gospel and reflect the Light of the World to those who sit in darkness, or she may bring shame on the Holy Name by which she is called."

ALMOST hopeful outlook for India is seen in the development of native princes, notably the "Maharaja of Kolhapur, who is taking a warm personal interest in the advancement of his people. He has passed an order, which marks the beginning of a new era in Kolhapur State: 'Endeavors have been made in recent years in the Kolhalpur State to foster and encourage the education of all classes of the subjects, but, so far, His Highness regrets that those endeavors have not met with the success that was hoped for. To remedy this to a certain extent, and to establish within the State an incentive to study up to higher standards, His Highness has decided that it is desirable to reserve for those classes a larger share of employment in the State service than has hitherto been the case.'"

IN the last report of the *British and Foreign Bible Society* especial stress is laid on the increase of issues of complete Bibles, the total being 939,706. This is in spite of the fact that the troubles in China reduced the sales in that country four hundred thousand copies. "Thy word giveth light" is the thought that comes on hearing of this success.

IN EASTERN LANDS

JAPAN—YOKOHAMA.

OUR BIBLE SCHOOL IN JAPAN.

By Miss S. D. Doremus.

MY first introduction to the Bible School in Yokohama, founded by our revered Mrs. Pierson, was at morning prayers in the assembling room set apart in this department of our mission for religious exercises. All the women were seated on mats on the floor, according to Japanese custom, and as I looked at their earnest faces, I realized through what wonderful training they had passed to be able to accomplish the results in which we rejoice.

Here were the older members of the school who for years had worked under the guidance of Mrs. Pierson, had been taught by her the central truths of the Bible, which had transformed their lives, and had caught from her a glow of consecration. There were those who had reached maturity, and, though mothers of families, were expending time and strength in spreading the knowledge of our Redeemer's love in the districts in and around Yokohama. A group of fresh young workers in training for this department of mission service made me realize that a new generation was pressing forward to fill the ranks depleted by the feebleness of age or death.

Graceful prostrations, according to Japanese etiquette, where courtesy is taught as an essential, made me realize how much the amenities of life add to personal influence, and as Scripture enjoins in the high ideal of a Christian, "adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things."

The opening hymn was accompanied, beside the organ, by three violins, now much in favor as a feature of evangelistic work, in that it is a portable instrument and sustains a melody with telling effect.

MISS HAND AND GRADUATES OF BIBLE SCHOOL.

The touching address of welcome was graphically interpreted for me by a young Bible reader who is a fine English scholar, and the prayer, by one of the veteran members of the school, followed in low, beseeching tones, as if the unseen Father and Elder Brother were the confidants of every heart-need. Memorizing of Scripture is one of the most prominent objects of the Bible School, and in concert John xiv. and 1 Cor. xiii. were recited so reverentially and distinctly

EMPRESS HARUKO, THE "GOLDEN-HEARTED."

one could readily follow with the sweet English verses learned at a mother's knee.

It was a fitting pilgrimage, after this introduction to her crowning life-work, to wend my way to Mrs. Pierson's grave, a sweet, hallowed spot on the bluff overlooking the sparkling bay of Yokohama, with its shifting panorama of foreign and native craft. The japonica trees were in full bloom, a veritable wealth of flowers, and the blossoming bushes evidenced care and taste in this foreign cemetery, where reposes many a cherished one who, far from home and loving hearts, awaits the resurrection call. The simple monument bearing Mrs. Pierson's name, and the inscription, "For twenty-eight years missionary of the Woman's Union Missionary Society," tells the tale of faithful service for the Master without a return to her native land. It was touching to note in this and subsequent visits that fresh flowers adorned her grave, showing that loving hearts had not forgotten the last resting-place of one who lived and died for Japan.

The evening of that day, the Junior Christian Endeavor Society entertained the senior members of the same organization, and the invitations including one for me, gave me a fine opportunity to see a little of social life in Japan. Befitting a religious organization, prayer and praise opened the entertainment, then all the company rose, and, while standing, sang the hymn composed by the Emperor, which echoed the sentiments of every loyal heart in the island Empire. On the programme were recitations in action, memorializing doughty deeds of warriors or graceful representations of family scenes, in which wands and delicately colored scarfs gave a touch of the picturesque to pose and gesture.

The native feast which closed the entertainment reminded me of one of the children's tea-parties, with low tables and tiny trays, a fit setting to the dainties, raw fish, pickled ginger and sea-weed, a rare relish to the Japanese palate. In solemn silence the feast was served and eaten, decorum in Japan precluding the interchange of repartee or sparkling speeches, the accomplishment much cultivated in our own land.

The next morning had been set apart for

FUJI-YAMA.

the first Commencement of the Bible school, as since Mrs. Pierson's organization of the evangelistic department of our mission a special course of Bible study has been arranged which covers four years. Public examinations are held annually, and a student in the second year's course can readily follow St. Paul's missionary journeys on a map, demonstrating his work in each country, and the especial truths brought out in his epistles. Those who are in the third year are equally able to follow the history of God's chosen people, beginning from the call of Abraham to the Captivity.

ONE OF OUR BIBLE WOMEN AND FAMILY.

The morning was clear, the air crisp and bracing and beautiful. Fuji-Yama, the pride of Japan, stood out in bold relief with its snowy peak outlined against a brilliant blue sky. Not often during my stay in Japan did this historic volcano present such a dazzling picture, and long will it be cherished as a feature of these marvellously picturesque islands.

A gay and attractive scene our commodious schoolroom presented, hung with Japanese and American flags on either side of Mrs. Pierson's portrait, the one indispensable decoration of public entertainments, and the luxuriant palms and artistic plants skilfully disposed on the platform. An attractive programme was followed by the presentation of diplomas, in which teacher and graduates had undergone a rigid induction by the professor of etiquette, so that salutation and stately gesture should occur at the conventional angle. Each diploma, tied with white ribbon, bore the name of our Society in red characters.

Many an interesting history did I gather from our Bible women, as they told with animated faces, aglow with the love of Christ, of their abundant labors so richly crowned with success. Nor was it less interesting to follow some of them in their daily rounds in Yokohama or adjacent villages. The dainty little homes, so scrupulously neat, dust seems to be unknown, and their miniature gardens, enclosed in bamboo hedges, with fountains filled with goldfish, and the rare blossoms of dwarfed trees showering over ingenious rock-work, or temple lanterns, always made me feel as if I were treading an enchanted paradise for children. Then the courtly reception of even the humblest laborer, the tiniest child emulating the ceremonious bow of the parents, the hospitable entertainment, coming from mysterious recesses behind the sliding paper doors, did much to keep up the illusion.

How attentive were the little groups of inquirers who listened to the reading and expounding of the Book of Life, how pressing were the invitations to come often, so that they might learn more of the "Jesus doctrine!" Best of all, how cheering was it to welcome one and another of these converts to the Sabbath evening Japanese service in our large schoolroom, hallowed by the birth of many a soul into the Kingdom!

Is it not, dear friends, a priceless benediction to help forward such a work, so simple yet so remunerative in all that makes life worth living? Would you not like in this new year, which may be fraught with richest opportunities, to pray it into a wider success, or perhaps to have one of these humble consecrated Bible women as your representative in that land of the rising sun, so that it may always be a day of golden moments, in your service for the Lord of glory?

HOME NOTES.

BELIEVING YE SHALL RECEIVE.

TO all the importunate requests of our missionaries for sadly needed homes to dwell in, or comfortably to house our flourishing schools, one answer and only one could be given: "Our Society has no funds for buildings, and unless some liberal steward of the Lord will open purse-strings, nothing can be done in this direction." But the last words of our representatives always were: "We will not cease to pray for them and we know they will be given us."

The faith of our India missionaries has been rewarded by the purchase of the Home at Jhansi, which is now occupied by all our medical staff, and is in their own words, "The greatest comfort and help to us." A little nest-egg of five dollars was our beginning in this direction, and heartily welcomed as an earnest of greater things.

Our schoolhouse in Japan, a separate building from our boarding-school, is almost as great a necessity, for it has served for generations of students since the mission was organized. Built, as are all houses in Japan, of wood, it has readily succumbed to the disintegration of dampness, and the repeated earthquakes, with all that seismic conditions involve, have made it unsafe. Only the large, well-lighted assembly room is at all adequate for the needs of the school. Appreciating the situation thoroughly, it was with feelings of joy and devout thanksgiving that we received from our good friends of the Albany Branch eighteen dollars for this object, which we call "our first planks." To many, the educational work as a means to an end is very dear, all the more because such rich blessings have attended it in the past. Christian homes have been established as the greatest result and the children of such mothers have a vantage ground in development, for which nothing without Christian education can compensate.

With the eye of faith we see a fine, substantial although inexpensive schoolhouse rising on the foundations of the old, and a crowd of happy students rejoicing in its comfort and convenience.

In this connection the words of Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler come with especial force:

"The servants of Christ have a different arithmetic from the worldling. He counts his gains by the earthly possessions that he accumulates. The Christian often gains by the losses of earthly things. 'He that loses for My sake finds,' is an assurance full of good cheer to many a tired and afflicted child of God. It is not what we take up, but what we are ready to give up, that makes us spiritually rich.

"It is impossible to compute what treasures every faithful Christian may be storing away for that celestial storehouse. There is a constant accumulation. There is a 'laying up' day by day. A 'book of remembrance' is kept, and God will give to every one as his work shall be. Haste to be rich is the prevailing mania. But every one may become 'rich toward God.' The secret of it is to get by giving. This is the true paradox in the economy of grace. He that saves for self only loses; he that loses for Christ's sake is sure to save. Would you secure treasures in heaven? Then learn to give, and give bountifully. God loveth the cheerful giver.

"Such a life is a constant accumulation of heavenly treasures. It is a laying-out here for Christ, and a laying-up yonder. Labor on, pray on, suffer on, battle on, O faithful servant of the crucified Jesus! Every day will add to your treasures in heaven and so shall you be made meet to be partakers of the glorious inheritance of the saints in light."

WHAT AN ENGLISHWOMAN THINKS.

WE learn that the English Education Department is seeking information regarding the educational conditions all over the world. For this object Miss E. P. Hughes of the Universities of Cambridge and Wales has visited Japan, to note the methods which have been attended with the greatest success in that Empire. She has paid especial attention to the development of girls' schools under government auspices and makes this comment on the effect not only upon these students, but its reaction on men.

"In a country like Japan, where the women are so absolutely controlled by the men, it is satisfactory to find that the men who are

teaching the girls in the Higher Schools are getting to respect them in a way that they could not otherwise have done. I think that is a hopeful sign, and another is that all over the country there is a great desire among the young girls for education, who are quite as anxiously seeking after knowledge as the boys.

"I feel very strongly that at the present moment, eduationally, socially, and morally, Japan is being hampered in its progress because the women are so much behind the men in education. The young Japanese who goes to Europe and gets Western ideas drops more than half of them when he returns to his Japanese home and his uneducated wife. One very encouraging sign about Japanese women is that many of the ladies of the upper class are beginning to form associations of women for different purposes, educational and philanthropic.

"What has struck me very much is the fact that in two directions Japanese women are considerably hampered compared with Western women. First, socially. They have so few opportunities, compared with ourselves, of learning from intelligent society; they mix so little with men of their own class —and, indeed, so little with women of their own station in life. And, secondly, when once a girl leaves school she has little inducement to continue any intelligent reading. Good books are very rare in Japanese homes, and there are scarcely any public libraries. There are no lectures she can attend, and, cut off from social life as she is, it is only an exceptional woman who is likely to continue developing intellectually after she leaves school. I have found many wise men in Japan who agree with me that the greatest problem which Japan has to consider at the present time — greater, even, than are her economic problems — is the problem of her women's education. On that depends more than all else her real position in the future. Japan cannot be the real equal of Western nations unless her women can take their place by the side of their Western sisters. She cannot really raise the East until her women can take a share in the work."

"*Know* and you will feel,
Know and you will give,
Know and you will go."

THE TWO TRUE H'S.

THERE are two true aspects of Foreign Mission effort: the Hopeful and the Horrible. How shall they be best presented to influence those who are in ignorance, but who desire to lend their aid?

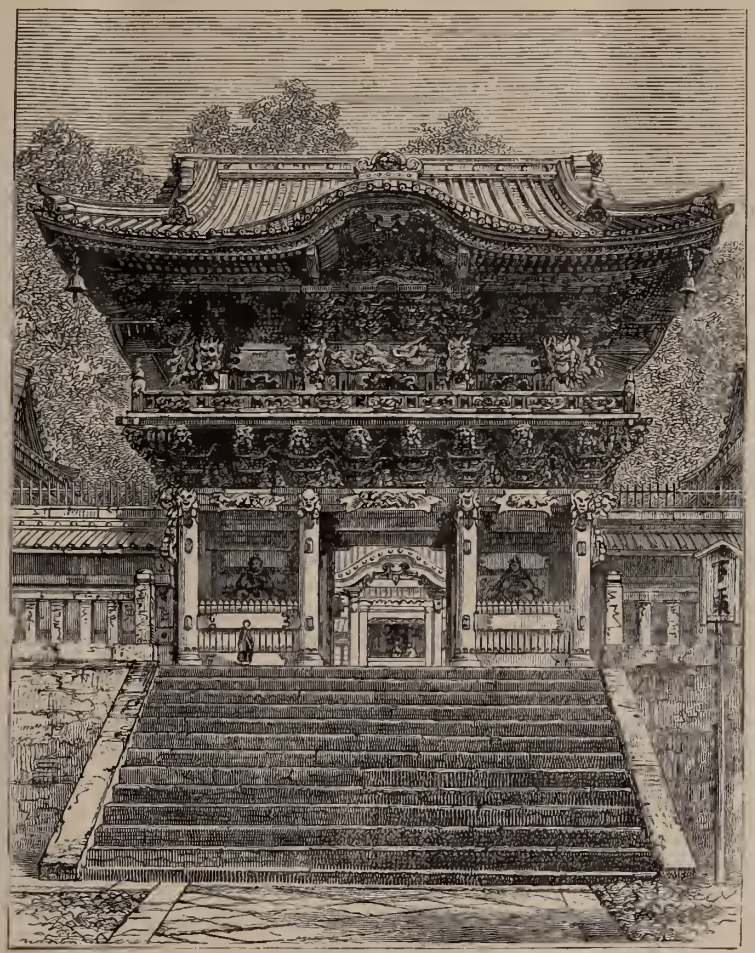
A friend who was present at Dr. A. J. Brown's last address, brought away such a vision of the terrible experiences of Hindu women that it can never be effaced, and Foreign Missions will be to such hearers a concrete necessity, an absolute need. When one knows that an Indian mother, for bearing a daughter, is put away from her husband after having every hair of her head pulled out by the irate father,—when one pictures the Hindu woman on the roadside, measuring her length prostrate, and travelling forty miles in that manner to implore the aid of a certain god in his temple to give her a son, the need of Christ and His salvation becomes very clear, and the zeal of many is stirred.

But there are others who respond to the Hopeful side, and who think when they hear of a good work well done: "This is worth helping; let me push it along." There is need for encouragement as well as for incitement unto good deeds. And so the double story of Horror and of Hope should be told in every circle of those who love the Lord and would obey His command to bear witness of Him in the world. E. W. C.

MISS HAND writes: "If you see any one who wants to do something for Japan, will you not tell her that ten dollars gold a year will rent a Sunday-school room in a heathen neighborhood, furnish papers, cards, and other supplies, even to cheap Testaments for those who would not otherwise have them, and give a Christmas treat to fifty or sixty pupils from heathen homes?

"Now is not that a good idea? I should love to get our Sunday-schools supported; and then each supporter could have a report from her school."

WE hear with thanksgiving of Miss Butcher's safe arrival in Jhansi November 1st, Miss Pratt's in Yokohama November 9th, and Dr. Burnham's in China November 15th.



THE YOMEI GATE, SHRINES OF NIKKÔ.

FOR MISSION BANDS.

THE BOY PRIEST.

By S. D. Doremus.

IF ever there was a paradise on earth it is in Ceylon. On my way from India to China, I had a glimpse of its wonders and still sun my heart in the memory. Such stately cocoa palms laden with fruit, such exquisite varieties of foliage plants growing as high as trees, you would like to see for yourself, exclaiming as I did, "Wonderful! too beautiful!" as every road lined with them seemed more marvellous than the last.

Strolling one afternoon in Kandy by the walks of an artificial lake, I came to the famous Buddhist temple where the so-called tooth of Buddha is enshrined. They told me it was once the palace of the ancient kings, cruel despots who stained the courts with the blood of their victims. It was black with age, and the rooms, small and dark, were connected by narrow verandahs, carved in grotesque figures. Not an imposing temple you see, but after all it represents the great stronghold of Buddhism and is a sacred spot to all who profess that saddest of all false beliefs, because it is really no religion at all.

The drums were beating a melancholy movement and a priest whose head was closely shaved, and arrayed in a deep yellow cloth, invited me to enter. He politely said, "Would you not like to see our famous books, the 'Tripitaka' [or Three Baskets]?" Of course I would, so we toiled up a narrow flight of steps to a room opening on a verandah overlooking a moat which surrounds the temple. Yes, indeed, the sight was worth the trouble, for there were the manuscripts of 600,000 stanzas in Palle characters, a foot or two in length but only two or three inches in width with solid silver bindings richly engraved and others inlaid with jewels. A handsome lad stood near, whose closely shaven head and spotlessly white cloth showed he was in training for a priest. When I asked if he could read the books, he shook his head, saying slowly, "Not yet—learning," mustering all the English he could command. "When does the service begin?" I asked the priest. "Presently, at set of sun, when the drums will stop beating." The boy was running here and there bearing great trays of the so-called temple flower, a large blossom spotlessly white without green leaves, looking like the ornaments on icing which adorn our bridal cakes, and emitting a delicate but penetrating odor.

Presently a party of sight-seers came in, and the little priest offered every one a flower with a courtly bow, but not long after he presented a tiny silver tray and waited until a coin was dropped on it. As I would not offer any money for service in a heathen temple, I shook my head when the flowers were pressed on me. At last, when a little company of tourists had gathered, the drums ceased beating, and we entered an inner room, expecting the service to begin.

But there was nothing but a narrow, steep staircase in sight, and a guide who carried bright flaring torches called to us, "Come." At the top, on a very shallow threshold, was a glass case covered with a curtain. The guide, drawing it to one side, displayed with great pride images of Buddha in all sizes. Here were small ones of solid gold, others of richly wrought silver, now and then one inlaid with precious stones, and another of purest alabaster, faultless in form, with an expression of calm, majestic repose wonderful to behold. Most beautiful of all was one image of crystal, which was lighted from the back, so that the sparkle and glitter all about was dazzling.

Still I asked, "When does the service begin?" "Presently," the little boy priest whispered, but beckoned us to another stairway, where the guide with a great flourish drew back a red curtain, and there was the famous golden shrine for Buddha's tooth, which is so sacred it attracts Buddhist pilgrims all over the world. It was a large box, about two feet high, with a pointed cover, deeply embossed, and studded with precious stones. This had been presented by the Burmese and represented the self-denial of thousands of votaries who hoped to receive great merit for this gift. When we wondered that the casket was so large and high to enshrine only a tooth, we were told that there were very many caskets inside it, and this one was the last and most costly. None of them are opened excepting on great occasions, or for distinguished visitors, the last being the present Prince and Princess of Wales. A lady, who had at that time seen the caskets opened, told me the tooth looked as if it had belonged to some wild animal, it was so large. A band of gold surrounded the centre of the tooth, which rested on a gold support a few inches high, and over it was a glass cover hermetically sealed. Plates were again passed for contributions, and then the guide and the boy escorted us through narrow passages, until, the soft night air blowing on us, we knew we were outside the temple.

And this was all—no prayers, no repetition of Buddha's sayings, nothing but laying down the beautiful temple flowers and offering money. It all seemed like the very ashes of religion. False as the heathen religions are, they worship something like a person, but here even marriages and burials are not in their religious service, and, indeed, Buddhists worship nothing and no one. The last state to be reached, most blissful of all, is Nirvana, which means "blown out."

How sorry I felt for that little bright boy, who was taught to memorize books of Buddha's sayings, and ask for money from every passer-by, and once a year to ride in the great August procession carrying the two huge elephant's tusks covered with stones, which were kept outside this temple. What a pity that he could not know of the Divine Saviour, who came to make life so blessed for us here and hereafter!

RECEIPTS *of the Woman's Union Missionary Society of America for Heathen Lands from December 1 to December 31, 1902.*

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Newton.—Mrs. E. R. Sawyer, $3 00

MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston.—Boston Br., Mrs. Henry Johnson, Treas.: Miss Lillian Herr, for Life Membership of Mrs. Anna M. Herr, $50 00
Mrs. Walter Baker Mem'l Band, Miss E. B. Sharp, Treas.: Mr. B. C. Hardwick, 25.00; Mrs. C. F. Bradford, 5.00; Mrs. Wm. Q. Wales, 2.00. Total, 32 00
Lowell.—Y. W. C. A., Miss L. A. Bigelow, for support of Tawari, Bible Reader, Cawnpore, 7.00; for Champula, Allahabad, 5.40. Total, 12 40

Total, $94 40

NEW YORK.

Albany.—Albany Br., Mrs. Fred'k Townsend, Treas. (see items below), $353 00
Toward new schoolhouse in Yokohama, 18 00
Per Dr. H. D. Cochran, Rensselaer St. S.-S., a thank offering for one year's support of school in Allahabad, 50 00
Aurora.—Missionary work of Wells School Club. Miss M. A. Denton, Pres., 6 00
Brooklyn.—Miss E. W. Beers, 20 00
Ithaca.—Miss J. L. Hardy, 10.00; Mrs. J. B. Williams, per Miss J. L. Hardy, 15.00; Morgan St. John, Sheila St. John, their mother, and grandmother, toward support of Paucho, Cawnpore, 10.00. Total, 35 00
New York City.—Miss Van Vorst, for M. W. H. Leaflets, 1 00
Mrs. S. J. Broadwell, for Jhansi Home, 20 00
Mrs. C. H. Woodbury, toward support of Niseban, Cawnpore, 2 00
Mrs. C. Patterson, Madison Sq. Church, for Niseban, Cawnpore, 2 00
Miss H. L. Kingsbury, 5 00
Chinese embroidery, 4 00
A Friend, for special object, 50
A Friend, 200 00
Mrs. A. C. Hencken, 40 00
Miss Mary Crosby, for Japan, 25 00
Mrs. W. W. Clarke, for embroidery, 4 00
Per Miss S. D. Doremus, 50 00
Subscriptions to *Missionary Link*, 13 22
Staten Island.—Mrs. S. N. Havens, for the Home, at Jhansi, 5 00
Utica.—Mrs. S. H. Mudge, 5 00

Total, $858 72

NEW JERSEY.

Chatham.—Miss Sarah Wallace, for music lessons for Moti, Cawnpore, $12 00
Fairton.—Miss H. A. Burt, 2.00; Mrs. M. J. Sheppard, 1.00. Total, 3 00
Jersey City.—Mrs. L. A. Opdyke, pledge toward Missionary's salary, 25.00; for support of Ah Foh, Bridgman Home, 10.00; Miss Wightman, for Ah Foh, 10.00. Total, 45 00
Montclair.—Mrs. Benj. Carter, 10 00
Morristown.—Morristown Aux., Miss M. H. Maury, Treas., toward salary of Miss Harris for 1902, 252 40
Newark.—Newark Aux., Mrs. E. D. G. Smith, Treas.: By Mrs. C. C. Hine, 40.00; by Miss J. A. Avery, from subscribers, 25.00; Woodside Zenana Band, per Mrs. C. C. Hine, special gift for Miss Wittinbaker, 25.00. Total, 90 00
New Brunswick.—New Brunswick Aux., Miss A. B. Cook, Treas., for three pupils, Yokohama, 120 00
Princeton.—Princeton Br., Mrs. W. B. Harris, Treas, pro tem.: Mrs. E. C. Richardson, 25.00; Mrs. Arnold Guyot, 20.00; Mrs. T. W. Hunt, 15.00; Miss Norris, 10.00; Mrs. Duffield, 5.00; Miss Joline, 5.00; Mrs. G. M. Harper, 5.00; Mrs. W. B. Harris, 5.00; Mrs. McCosh, 2.00; Mrs. Paxson, 2.00; Miss Clarke, 2.00; Miss M. Joline, 2.00; Mrs. Cameron, 2.00; Miss Henry, 2.00; Miss Wikoff, 2.00; Mrs. Winans, 1.00; Miss Tuthill, 1.00; Mrs. F. S. Conover, 2.00; Mrs J. F. Duffield, 1.00; Mrs. Henry G. Duffield, 1.00; Miss Duffield, 1.00; Miss S. G. Duffield, 1.00; Miss Harris, 1.00; Mrs. Rockwood, 1.00; Miss Rockwood, 1.00; Mrs. Bergen, 1.00; Mrs. R. M. Anderson, 1.00; Mrs. Nevin, 1.00; Miss Dorothy Harris, 1.00; Miss Helen Harris, 1.00. Total, $120 00
Summit.—Memorial of Two Shining Lights Band, Mrs. H. L. Pierson, 25 00
Mrs. Geo. Wilcox, toward Jhansi Home. 25 00

Total, $702 40

PENNSYLVANIA.

Allegheny.—Mrs. C. A. Oudry, from the Orphan Asylum, for the Children's Ward, M. W. Hospital, Shanghai, $20 00
Beaver.—Beaver College, per W. G. Compher, 6 50
California.—State Normal School, per Mrs. H. J. Banker, toward salary of Miss Roberts, Jhansi, 15 00
Germantown.—W. and O. Band (see items below), 606 44
Mechanicsburg.—Irving College, per Miss Pearl Piper, toward support of Day School, Jhansi, 10 00
Pennsburg.—Perkiomen Seminary, per Miss Elizabeth Bawer, toward support of bed in Jhansi, 9 40
Philadelphia.—Philadelphia Br., Mrs. Wm. Waterall, Treas.: Quarterly salaries: Dr. Reifsnyder, 150.00; Misses Leslie and Peters, 150.00; Miss Todd, 150.00; to Miss Higby, Tharrawaddy, Burmah, 100.00; Agnes Hurlbut School, from Camden Aux. and Soc., 30.00. Total, 580 00
Scranton.—Scranton Br., Mr. Wm. W. McCulloch, Treas.: Y. P. S. C. E., Grace R. E. Church, for Jane, Cawnpore, 15 00
Shippenburg.—S.-S. State Normal School, Miss A. V. Horton, Treas., for Jhansi, 3 41

Total, $1,265 75

OHIO.

Ada.—Y. W. C. A. of Normal University, Miss M. M. Miller, Sec., toward support of Preobola, Calcutta Orphanage, $15 00
Athens.—Ohio University Y. W. C. A., per Miss Mabel Wickham, Pres., first payment on scholarship, Calcutta Orphanage, 5 00
Wilberforce.—C. E. Soc. of University, Mr. Benj. E. Johnson, Pres., toward scholarship, L. L. B. School, Calcutta, 1 65

Total, $21 65

ILLINOIS.

Byron.—Byron Band, Mrs. S. L. Hauger, Treas., for Mary Blount, M. A. M. School, Cawnpore, $20 00

KENTUCKY.

Louisville.—Louisville Br., Mrs. S. J. Look, Treas.: Olive Branch Band, per Mrs. M. E. Crutcher: Mrs. Andrew Conan, 1.00; Mrs. E. L. Warran, 5.00; Mrs. John Alexander, 1.00; Mrs. J. K. R. Mitchel, 2.00; Mrs. W. P. Hillsman, 1.00; Mrs. M. E. Crutcher, 1.00; Mrs. J. A. Carter, 1.00; Mrs. John Beha, 2.00; Miss Fannie C. Ranson, 1.00; A Friend, 5.00. Total, $20 00

MARYLAND.

Baltimore.—Baltimore Br., per Mrs. A. N. Bastable: Mrs. C. Weston, 5.00; Mrs. Onderdonk, 15.00; Mrs. Alex. M. Carter, 5.00; Mr. A. N. Bastable, 5.00; Mrs. A. N. Bastable, 10.00; total for Ah Woo, Bridgman Home, 40.00. Mrs. A N. Bastable, for Lalliya, M. A. M. Orphanage, Cawnpore, 20.00; Miss E. C. Wright, for Mrs. Emerson, Allahabad, 5.00. Total, $65 00

KANSAS.

Goddard.—Mission Band, per Mrs. Haddie Grimes, Sec., toward support of child in Cawnpore Orphanage, $10 00

CALIFORNIA.

Pasadena.—Per Miss M. C. Lathrop, for support of Dorothy (Elabori), Cawnpore, 1 year, 3 months, and for Life Membership of Miss Margaret Hull, Mt. Alverno, Pa. Total, $25 00

Grand total, $3,085 92

ELIZABETH B. STONE, *Ass't Treas.*

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO MISSIONARY LINK FROM DECEMBER 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1902.

Mrs. J. D. Bryant, 1.00; Mrs. C. A. Morris, .50; Mrs. Darby and Miss Cross, 1.00; Miss E. C. Wright, .50; Mrs. C. W. Palmer, for two years, 1.00: Miss J. L. Hardy, 2.00; Miss S. D. Hamilton, .50; Mrs. S. S. Main, .50; Dr. R. Ogden Doremus, .50; Miss Katharine Ward Doremus, .50; W. H. Shaw, .50; Mrs. Theodore Smith, .50; per Miss M. H. Maury, .50; Mrs. Caroline Grassel, .50; Miss Lizzie Weisenback, .50; Miss Isora Collord, .50; Mrs. W. H. Taylor, .50; sale of calendars and leaflets, 1.72. Total, $13 22

HELEN LOUISE KINGSBURY, *Treas.*

NEW LIFE MEMBERS.

Boston, Mass.—Mrs. Anna M. Herr, by Miss Lillian Herr.
Mt. Alverno, Pa.—Miss Margaret Hull, per Miss M. C. Lathrop.

RECEIPTS OF THE ALBANY BRANCH FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, 1902.

To cash from the Woman's Missionary Society of the Madison Ave. Ref. Church, through Mrs. W. La Grange, Treas.: For Bible Reader at Yokohama, 60.00; Asst. at Hospital, Shanghai, 60.00. Total,	$120 00	
From Miss Mary L. Leonard, annual contribution for the support of Tamura Hide, in Japan, 60.00; from Mrs. Charles B. Nichols, annual sub., 1.00; from Mrs. John L. Newman, as her annual sub. for Egbert's Band, in Memoriam, 20.00; from friends in the 4th Pres. Ch., through Miss R. M. Waddell, collector, 37.00; from Mrs. Mary Pruyn La Grange, as her annual sub., 5.00; from friends in the 1st Ref. Ch., through Mrs. A. K. Richards, collector, 38.00; from Mrs. Robert C. James, as her annual sub., 2.00; from Mrs. John Pladwell, as her annual sub., 1.00; from Miss Eliza Phelps, as her annual sub., 2.00; from Mr. J. Townsend Lansing, as his annual sub., 10.00; from Miss Susan Y. Lansing, as her annual sub., 10.00; from Mrs. Charles B. Lansing, as her annual sub., 10.00; from Mrs. Edward G. Selden, as her annual sub., 10.00; from Mrs. Samuel Patten, as her annual sub., 1.00; from Mrs. Wm. T. Valentine, as her annual sub., 1.00; from Miss Haight, as her annual sub., 1.00; from Mrs. Frederick Townsend, as her annual sub., 20.00; from Mrs. Wm. J. Milne, as her annual subs. for 1901 and 1902, 4.00. Total,	233 00	
Total,		$353 00

MRS. FREDERICK TOWNSEND, *Treas.*

RECEIPTS OF THE PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

From Camden Auxiliary, for Agnes Hurlbut School, collected by Miss Hannah Laverty; Mrs. Miller, 1.20; Mrs. Sargent, 1.20; Mrs. Felton, 1.20; Mrs. Titus, 1.20; Mrs. Sharp, 1.20; Mrs. Whitaker, 1.20; Miss Anna Hurlbut, 1.50; Miss Kate Hurlbut, 1.50; Mrs. Cunningham, 1.20; Mrs. Callahan, 1.20. Total,	$12 60	
Through Mrs. Farr: Mrs. B. F. Dunton, 3.00; Miss Manderson, 2.00. Total,	5 00	
Total,		$17 60

MARY L. WATERALL, *Treas.*

WILLING AND OBEDIENT BAND.

(Rev. D. M. Stearns, Germantown, Phila., Pa.)

For Japan:		
"God Freely Justifies," for Fukazawa Tomi,	$10 00	
Rev. C. H. Mytinger, for Nakamura Yasu,	10 00	
Mrs. A. G. Patton, for Miyamats Tane,	5 00	
A. B. C. F. H., for Yamamoto Some,	10 00	
"Scranton Willing Three," for Yamada Kaoru,	10 00	
"Looking for Him," for Morita Iku,	12 00	
Mrs. R. M. Lawson, for Tanaka Tsugi,	60 00	
Willing Hearts, Newark, for Hitotsuyanagi Kika,	30 00	
D. E. R., Baltimore, for Minagaki Yone,	5 00	
Mrs. J. S. Mann, for Suzuki Iku,	60 00	
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Bisel, for Saiki Yachiyo,	5 00	
Mrs. C. V. Coles, for Omma Kono,	5 00	
Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Weigle, for Baba Ito,	30 00	
"Scranton Willing Three," for Yamada Kaoru,	$5 00	
"For His Pleasure," for Hasoya Natsu,	5 00	
Children's Miss. Soc., Morristown, N. J., for Jun Kido.	60 00	
Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Daniels, for Igarashi Mann,	30 00	
T. Edward Ross, for Inomata Hana,	15 00	
Two Sisters, for Tanaki Fumi,	12 00	
In Memoriam, A. C. Armstrong, for Uchida Nao,	60 00	
"That Jesus May Reign," for Watanabe Kin,	60 00	
Total,		$499 00
For Cawnpore:		
Mrs. B. F. Beck and C. E. Soc., Newville Church, for Hannah,	$9 50	
Mrs. D. A. Babcock, for Lydia,	10 00	
Mrs. J. H. Moore, for Myra,	10 00	
Consecrated Volunteers, for Mary Isaacs,	15 00	
Mrs. J. E. L. Davis, for Rachel Levi,	30 00	
Mrs. D. A. Babcock, for Lydia,	5 00	
Total,		$79 50
For Shanghai:		
A Young Man's Tithes, for Mrs. Tsaung,	$15 00	
Ch. of At. Wed. Evening, for Mrs. Wong,	7 94	
Mrs. A. G. Patton, for Sung Ah Men,	5 00	
Total,		$27 94
Grand total,		$606 44

ENDOWED BEDS IN MARY S. ACKERMAN HOYT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, JHANSI, INDIA.

ENDOWMENT, $600.

Mary S. Ackerman Hoyt—Her sister, Mrs. Maria A. Hoyt.
Mary S. Ackerman Hoyt—Her sister, Mrs. Jennie C. A. Bucknell.
Mary S. Ackerman Hoyt—Her niece, Miss Emilie S. Coles.
Maria Ackerman Hoyt—Her niece, Miss Emilie S. Coles.
Mrs. Lavinia Agnes Dey, } Anthony Dey.
Mrs. Mary B. Humphreys Dey, }
"In Memoriam"—A Sister.
Eleanor S. Howard-Smith Memorial—Friends.
Charles M. Taintor Memorial—A Friend.

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" Bengali Teacher, India.....$100 or	125 00
" Bible Reader, India.....from $50 to	75 00
" " " Japan	60 00
" " Woman, China.....$40 to	60 00
" Child in Japan	40 00
" Child in China	40 00
" Child in Day-School, China	25 00
" Scholarship, High School, Calcutta	50 00
" Converts' Home, Calcutta and Allahabad	50 00
" Inmates of Converts' Home, Shanghai (per month)	5 00
" Schools in India	60 00
" Child in Orphanage, Calcutta	25 00
" Child in Orphanage, Cawnpore	20 00
" Native Teacher in Day-School, China	60 00
" Endowments of Beds in Hospitals	600 00

CONCERNING MISSION BOXES.

FRIENDS who intend sending Christmas Boxes to our stations will kindly bear in mind that it facilitates our work at the Mission Room, 67 Bible House, if such boxes can be delivered early; if possible, during June and July.

We give a list of suitable articles for the boxes prepared through directions of our Missionaries:

FOR INDIA—*General Direction.*

Dolls—black-haired, with *china* heads, hands, and feet, sizes varying from 6 to 12 and 14 inches long. Wax, composition, jointed, or kid-covered dolls are not desired.

Cawnpore.—Few dolls are used. Two or three large ones with hair desired, for prizes.

For prizes—Boxes of note-paper, desks filled, work-bags or boxes filled, boxes of lead pencils with rubbers, small looking-glasses, metal tea sets for dolls or sets of drawing-room furniture. Twelve prizes are needed in the Orphanage. Cheap soaps, cotton towels, cotton handkerchiefs by the hundreds, night-gowns, very stout unbleached muslin by the piece for underclothes, outing flannel by the piece, spool thread (Nos. 30 and 50), coarse, strong combs, warm jackets for winter and material for them. Five or six yards of stout gingham is a good present for native teachers, and two and one half yards of unbleached cloth for *chuddahs* for all the mission. Quinine in powder is most useful.

Calcutta.—Besides 1000 dolls and prizes similar to those needed in Cawnpore, 1000 cotton handkerchiefs, 200 cotton towels, and 200 night-gowns.

Allahabad.—Unbleached muslin is better than sending made *kurtas*, as work is furnished thus for Christian enquirers living on the Compound. Calico or gingham, seven yards, for native teachers' dresses, bright-bordered cotton handkerchiefs, coarse combs, kindergarten maps or materials.

General use—

Kurtas—For Hindus, made of good, stout cotton cloth, bleached or unbleached, or of fast-colored prints. White ones can be finished with red borders.

Jarmas—A jacket with sleeves, worn by Bengalis, is simply hemmed, without *bindings* or *trimmings*, as only Ayahs (nurses) wear bindings, and not the better classes. Plain skirts are useful, cut straight, hemmed, and gathered into a band.

Patchwork—*Basted*, is needed to teach sewing to the younger scholars.

Aprons—Long sleeved, of calico or gingham.

Dresses—Simple pattern, *no ruffles or trimming;* long in the skirt, that they may suit children of rapid growth.

China.—*No wristlets* needed for some years, as the supply is over-stocked. Remnants for garments, cheap cotton bath towels and soap are used for Christmas gifts. Unbleached cotton for sheets and pillow-cases. No chalk for the Bridgman School.

For Hospital.—Boxes of safety and assorted pins, bone buttons by the gross, tape of varied width and "baby bobbin," scented soap for Christmas gifts, mosquito netting of finest mesh, unbleached sheets 7½ feet long by 5 feet wide, pillow-cases 2½ feet long by 1½ feet wide, cotton blankets in gay colors (*never white*), thin rubber cloth or rubber sheets, small kerosene stoves with one or two burners and bundles of wicks. Old linen much needed. No spreads, tray cloths, or napkins. Sliced animals, dissected maps, and scrap-books for sick children.

Japan.—Cotton table-cloths, towels, and handkerchiefs, pads, paper, pencils, soap in cakes. *No* scrap-books.

General. Direction.—Scrap-books must be carefully prepared and no questionable pictures inserted. Pictures of children, scenery, and animals desired. Great care must be used in selecting Scripture pictures, either for the walls or in cards. Many sent cannot be used.

If gifts are sent to missionaries, fine damask towels, table-cloths and napkins, or hemstitched handkerchiefs with very narrow borders, are acceptable.

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